



VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES
43 PARTITION STREET
SAUGERTIES, N.Y. 12477

Village Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019

Present: Mayor Murphy, Deputy Mayor Jeannine Mayer, Trustees Don Hackett, Terry Parisian, Brian Martin, Jeff Helmuth, Ed Quirk, Bill Kemble, Dave Gordon, 4 High School government students

Mayor Murphy called the **Village Board Meeting** to order at 5: 30 pm.

Mayor Murphy requested **Trustee Parisian** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – no one was present to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the **Village Board Minutes from January 7, 2019**. **Trustee Helmuth** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Village Board meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by **Trustee Hackett**. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Murphy presented the **Abstract for February 4, 2019:**

- **General** \$ 47,757.30
- **Water** \$ 10,190.11
- **Wastewater** \$ 18,091.32

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to approve the **Abstract for February 4, 2019**. The motion to approve the **Abstract of February 4, 2019** was seconded by **Trustee Martin**. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian reported that the DPW will be addressing the pot holes at the end of the week. Mayor Murphy and the Trustees thanked the DPW for the great job they did with the last two snowstorms. The Village streets and the business district were cleared quickly.

Jeff Helmuth had nothing new to report.

Deputy Mayor Mayer reported

- The Comprehensive Plan Committee held their meeting. A copy of the Tree Commissions mission statement has been requested. All Boards, i.e. Planning and Zoning, should have a copy of the Comprehensive Plan for reference and input. The Quarterly Report will be distributed to the Boards.
- The Climate Task Force to meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm.
- TV23 & Chamber meetings cancelled January meeting due to weather.
- The Street art applications are due by February 15th.
- One Revolving Loan Application has been picked up but not submitted.

Trustee Hackett reported that he has done some research on harvesting machines to address the growth of water chestnuts in the creek. An amphibious machine that cuts the water chestnuts averages \$69,000. The weeds would have to be cut over and over, similar to mowing grass. The harvester machine pulls the weeds out by the roots averages \$76,000. A contact in the Finger Lakes uses the harvester and has offered to test in our creek in the spring if we prefer. Trustee Hackett and Alex Wade are working together to find an appropriate DEC grant for the purchase of either machine. There is a possibility of partnering with the Town. The chemical method of dealing with the weeds is not preferred and the mats are expensive for the size of the area.

Trustee Martin reported that the Fire Department will be having a Brooks BBQ fundraiser on February 27th. Tickets are available any Fire Department member at \$12 per meal. The Fire Department would like to request the alleyway between the Municipal Building and the Boys and Girls Club be closed. **Mayor Murphy made a motion to close the alleyway between the Municipal Building and the Boys and Girls Club on February 27th for the Brooks BBQ fundraiser. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to close the alleyway between the Municipal Building and the Boys and Girls Club on February 27th for the Brooks BBQ fundraiser. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Murphy presented Resolution #3 - Annual Approval of Election Inspectors.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution #3 seconded by Trustee Parisian. A roll call of the Trustees was yes to all present. Motion carried.

Trustee Parisian asked about the County Election requiring the use of voting machines. The machines are not required since the Village has been approved for paper ballots.

Mayor Murphy reported for Alex Wade. The review for the Bluestone Sidewalk project should be completed by Dept. of Transportation Region 8 by the end of the week.

Deputy Mayor Mayer is sponsoring Local Law #1, Amending Chapter 171, Article III of the Code of the Village of Saugerties. The proposed law will adjust the tax exemption income levels to coincide with the Town of Saugerties. A Public Hearing will be required.

Deputy Mayor Mayer made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Local Law #1, Amending Chapter 171, Article III of the Code of the Village of Saugerties on Tuesday, February 19th at 5:25pm. Trustee Parisian seconded the motion to set a Public Hearing for the Local Law #1, Amending Chapter 171, Article III of the Code of the Village of Saugerties on Tuesday, February 19th at 5:25pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Parisian stated that we have been advised from our attorney that the motion to deny the Petition for Change of Zoning made by Chestnut Hill Holding Group LLC at the January 22nd Board meeting is not valid since we did not have the required Public Hearing. The Board has to receive public comment before a determination on the petition can be made.

Trustee Parisian made a motion to set a Public Hearing to hear comments on the Petition of Change of Zoning made by Chestnut Hill Holding LLC for property located on Teetsel Street for Tuesday, February 19th at 5:20pm. Trustee Hackett seconded the motion to set a Public Hearing to hear comments on the Petition of Change of Zoning made by Chestnut Hill Holding LLC for property located on Teetsel Street for Tuesday, February 19th at 5:20pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Helmuth made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Buono. Motion carried unanimously. The Village Board Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Next Village Board meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 5:30 pm with a Public Hearing at 5:20 for the Petition for Change of Zone and 5:25pm for the Tax Code Amendment.

Lisa Mayone

Village Clerk

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